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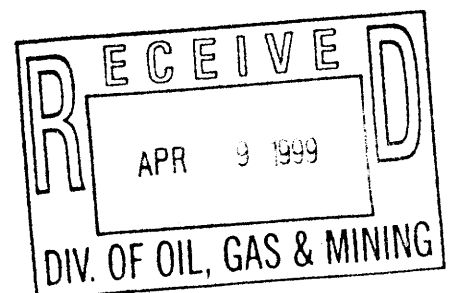
Re: Horizon Mine Permit No. ACT/007/020

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Dear Ms. Wright:

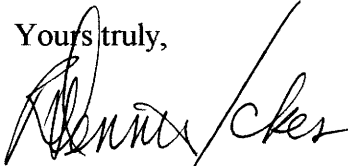
Please take notice that Roger W. Skaggs and Margaret Skaggs are successors-in-interest to the rights previously held by Blue Blaze Coal Company, a Utah corporation, the original applicant for the coal mine permit in PRO/007/002. Blue Blaze Coal Company assigned all of its right, title and interest to that application to Horizon Coal Corporation ("Horizon") on or about March 27, 1995. Notice of that assignment was filed with the Division on March 31, 1995. Subsequently, other assignments have been made subject to the agreement between Horizon and the Skaggs/Blue Blaze agreement.

Horizon agreed to pay consideration for the assignment, consisting among other things of certain royalties and other consideration. As of the date of this letter neither Horizon nor its successors-in-interest has performed these obligations, even though the mine has been producing and marketing coal.



The purpose of this letter is to provide the Division and the public with notice that there exist unsatisfied claims by Skaggs against Horizon and its successors-in-interest against the mining and sale of coal mined pursuant to ACT/007/020.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Dennis Ickes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

R. Dennis Ickes

Cc: William R. Skaggs

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